SUBJECT No. 309.

A police station near the D. P. W. office at Shikarpur.

Messrs. Sangana Basappa and Ramani Chennaveerappa, Shikarpur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The situation of Shikarpur near the frontier exposes it to constant visits of robbers and dacoits. The police station within the town is too far from the Pettah. It is prayed that a police outpost may be constructed near the Public Works Department office.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 310.

New buildings for police stations in the Sorab taluk.

Mr. Channabasappa Gowda, Sorab taluk

Summary of discussion.—Several police stations in the Sorab taluk are in disrepair. Once in every two or three years, a sum of Rs. 150 or Rs. 200 is spent on the repairs of these buildings. It would perhaps be much better if new buildings are constructed in place of the present dilapidated ones. In Hirechavati village, the station is held in a rented building for the past twelve years. As this is a frontier village verging on the Hire Kerur and Hanagal taluks of the British territory, it is prayed that a new building may be constructed here also and a dafadar posted for its charge.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 311.

Enlargement of the size of the Kumsi sub-taluk.

Messrs. Ramachandrappa Dube and Nadig Guru Rao, Kumsi sub-taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The size of the Kumsi sub-taluk is small. Portions of the Masrur magani of the Nagar taluk and Cheenikatte magani of the Honnali taluk which are adjacent to this sub-taluk and within easy reach from Kumsi may be added on to the sub-taluk.

Reply of Government.—This is not necessary and cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 312.

Transfer of villages of Kuppagadde hobli to Anavatti hobli.

Mr. Rama Rao, Sorab taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The villages of Badanakatte, Kudaneeru, Hasvi and Siddihalli, which originally formed part of the Anavatti hobli were transferred to the Kuppagadde hobli about five years ago. These villages are situated very near Anavatti and a *halla* between these villages and Kuppagadde renders it inconvenient for the raiyats of these villages to go to Kuppagadde for the taluk jamabandi and other matters. It is therefore prayed that these villages may be retransferred to Anavatti hobli as before.

Reply of Government.—Not possible. The necessity has not been proved.

SUBJECT No. 313.

Harnahalli magani to be treated as malnad.

Messrs. Nadig Guru Rao and Ramachendrappa Dube, Kumsi sub-taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Of the four maganis in the Kumsi sub-taluk, only the Harnahalli magani has been treated as maidan, although the rainfall and the conditions of agriculture in this magani are just the same as in the remaining three maganis. It is therefore prayed that this magani may be treated as malnad just like other portions of the Kumsi sub-taluk and that the Malnad

Raiyats' Privileges Rules may be extended to this magani also.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 314.

Stocking of timber in the forest depot at Shimoga.

Mr. P. Venkappiah, Shimoga municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Large quantities of useless timber are being stocked in the depot at Shimoga. Some logs have been lying there undisposed of for years together and it is feared that even the cost of extraction and carting of the logs to Shimoga may not be realized. It is suggested that in future such logs may be sold in the forests rather than be allowed to remain in their present condition in the local depot.

Reply of Government.—Noted. The Conservator will be consulted.

SUBJECT No. 315.

Sale of bamboos from district forests of the Kumsi sub-taluk to be prohibited.

Messrs. Nadig Guru Rao and Ramachendrappa Dube, Kumsi sub-taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The forests in the Kumsi sub-taluk are getting denuded of all bamboos, large and small, as both the varieties have seeded. The sale of bamboos from the district forests by the Forest department to merchants may be put a stop to as bamboos are required by the raiyats for agricultural operations.

Reply of Government.—Will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 316.

Reservation of Rangaiyangiri and Malhal forests to be cancelled.

Mr. Ubrani Appajaiya, Channagiri taluk.

Summary of discussion.—At the time of the reservation of the Kukwada-Ubrani State forest, the forests of Rangaiyangiri and Malhal were left for the use of the raiyats of several villages of the Channagiri and Tarikere taluks for procuring wood for their agricultural requirements and for grazing their cattle. These forests were reserved three years ago. As the reservation has caused much inconvenience to the agriculturists it is prayed that they may be reconverted into district forests as before.

Reply of Government.—Report from the Conservator has been called for, and on its receipt the question will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 317.

(*a*) Reduction of seigniorage rates on fuel in the Gangavanasara State forest.

(*b*) Reduction of grazing fees in the Gangavanasara State forest.

Messrs. Revanasiddiah and Halappa, Honnali taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Sugar cane cultivation is carried on on a large scale in the Chinikatte and Nyamti maganis of the Honnali taluk which contain extensive forests. As this crop is exposed to the ravages of wild beasts, the raiyats are obliged to keep fires constantly during nights to ward off the wild beasts. The watching of the crops in the rainy season is a very difficult task for the raiyats. They find time only in September and October to collect a year's supply of firewood. As the cutting of fuel in *coupes* framed by the Forest department according to the departmental rules is a difficult business, it is prayed that the old seigniorage rate of 2 annas per cart-load of fuel may be revived in the Gangavanasara State forest.